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RE: Docket #98N1038

Dear FDA:

I believe that labeling of irradiated food should be conspicuous, clear, permanent, and mandatory. Minimizing or eliminating labeling requirements is a violation of consumers' right to know. Your conclusions in 1986 regarding the necessity of labeling irradiated foods to fully inform consumers are just as applicable today.

Sincerely,



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